lier, but has been traced on 27th April 1992 and is being questioned by Customs officers.

Unearthing smuggling of Dish-Antennae in Bombay

146. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence Bombay have recently unearthed a major racket in the import of dish-antennae and components used to receive satellite transmission;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check such illegal import of dish antennae and components?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Members are presumably referring to the seizure of 6 pieces of computer synthesized satellite receivers with remote control valued at Rs. 2.40 lakhs approximately, effected by the Bombay Zonal Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on 9-2-1992. The goods were imported in 3 parcels which had arrived at Bombay from Hongkong and were declared to contain one 'resever' each to be delivered at an address in Bombay. On enquiry, this address was found to be fictitious.

(c) The Customs authorities are vigilant against smuggling including that of electronic goods. Intelligence is targeted against such smuggling and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence which is the apex body for the collection collation and dissemination of intelligence on smuggling actively assists Customs authorities.

Impact of New Gold Import Policy

147. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's new gold policy has evoked little interest among non-resident Indians, especially in the Gulf countries to send gold to India;

(b) if so, whether the smuggling of gold continues in India despite Government's new gold policy;

(c) what is the quantum of gold brought into the country and smuggled seized since the implementation of the new gold policy;

(d) whether Government propose to further liberalise its gold policy to check smuggling of this metal and to induce NRIs to brng in more gold; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The latest trends in imports under the scheme do not support the view that the scheme has evoked little interest among non-resident Indians.

(b) Available reports and seizures made indicate that gold continues to be sensitive to smuggling into the country.

(c) The information is as under:

I. Gold imported at major airports	
From 1-3-92 to17-4-92	941.84 Kgs.
From 18-4-92 to 23-4-92	1203.02 Kgs.
TOTAL :	2145.87 Kgs.
II. Quantum of gold seized	
From 1-3-92 to 16-6-92	287 Kgs.

(d) Government is not considering any proposal to further liberalise its gold policy.

(e) Does not arise.

SCICI finance for fishing units in collaboration with M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation

148. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SCICI has agreed in principle to finance upto 15 per cent of the project cost of a fishing unit sought to be implemented in collaboration with a US firm M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details of this proposal, giving capital costs and the commitment of SCICI; and

(c) what is the present status of this proposal giving details of SCICI's role?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) has reported that it has no proposal currently pending with it from the US firm M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation for the setting up of a fishing unit.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irregularities in State Bank of Indore

149. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of irregularities/corrupt practices, fraud cases reported/detected in various branches of the State Bank of Indore during 1st April, 1990 till date indicating the details thereof, branch-wise and year-wise;

(b) what is the amount involved in each case and what is the number of persons found guilty therein;

(c) what action has been taken by the Bank against those found guilty in these cases; and

(d) what is the present position of recovery made by the Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Nationalised Banks

150. SHRI DHULESWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the United Bank of India had been found to be "below average" in all spheres for most of the year 1991-92, according to an internal revier of the bank by its top managment;

(b) whether any such review of any other nationalised bank like the UCO Bank, New Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank and others had also been conducted;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;